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Letter dated 18 May 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform you that the Indonesian authorities have requested assistance from the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) to deal with an emergency in West Timor, as a result of extensive flooding. Many have died and tens of thousands have been displaced. Among the dead are refugees from East Timor, most of them women and children.

UNTAET has been requested to provide assistance in the form of two helicopters to evacuate flood victims and deliver relief supplies, initially for one week.

I propose to accede to this request.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. Annan

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